

March 30

## AN OFFER MADE.

### Master Mariners Would Buy Gloucester Towboat Co.

#### An Important Meeting Was Held Yesterday Afternoon.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Master Mariners Towboat Company was held yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the association. From the reports of the meeting it seemed that an offer was received from the Gloucester Towboat Company to dispose of its entire plant to the new concern. The offer was fully considered, as well as the plan first proposed of building an independent towboat, and at the end of the discussion of the matter, it was the decision to make an offer to the Gloucester Towboat Company for its entire plant, including the fine towboats Nellie, Eveleth and Priscilla. It is understood that the figure offered by the Master Mariners Company is \$30,000 for the complete plant and good will of the Gloucester Towboat Company.

## FISH HOOKS CAME FIRST.

### Ton of Them Appraised Here Under New Law.

The first goods to be appraised at this port since the passage of the bill making Gloucester a port of appraisal were a ton of Arthur James fish hooks which came from England via Boston yesterday and were appraised by the local custom house officers.

March 31

## FIRST OF SEASON.

### Sch. Tubal Cain Landed 2600 Bluefish Yesterday.

A special to the TIMES from Old Point Comfort, Va., states that sch. Tubal Cain of New York, formerly of this port, Capt. J. J. Larsen, arrived there yesterday with the first bluefish fare of the season, 2600 in number and taken off Cape Hatteras. The fish were shipped to H. Stillman & Co., Fulton Market, New York. The vessel saw no mackerel.

## IN FULL OPERATION.

### Millions of Cod and Flounder Fry Hatched at Ten Pound Island.

The United States Fish Hatchery on Ten Pound Island has had a very busy month, and Supt. Corliss and his assistants have had their hands full with the work of attending to the propagation of some 160,000,000 of cod and flounder fry, the work being the largest done in March for many years. In all, some 40,000,000 of cod eggs have been hatched, also 120,000,000 of flat fish, or winter flounder, as they are more commonly called.

## Here To Fit Out.

Capt. James Hayes is here to fit sch. Admiral Dewey for a fished halibut trip.

Capt. William Wharton is here to fit sch. Hiram Lowell for salt banking.

March 31

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

#### Vesse's Sailed.

#### Today's Fish Market.

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Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.50; medium cod, \$2.00; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2.25, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.75; Eastern haddock, \$1.25; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

#### Boston.

Sch. Rapidan, 5000 haddock, 400 cod.  
Sch. Etta Mildred, 20,000 haddock, 800 cod.  
Sch. Seaconnett, 10,000 haddock, 700 cod.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Minerva, 4500 haddock, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 18,000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Winnifred, 16,000 haddock, 12,000 cod 5000 cusk.

Sch. Julia Costa, 2000 haddock, 1500 cod, 8000 hake, 500 cusk.

Sch. George A. Lubee, 5000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 2000 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 1400 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Favilla, 5000 haddock, 600 cod, 5500 hake.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton.  
Haddock, \$1.15 to \$2.25; large cod, \$2.25 to \$3; market cod, 32; cusk, \$1.15.

## Good Stock.

Sch. Selma, Cap. Felix Hogan, stocked \$2000 on her haddock trip landed at Boston yesterday.

April 1

## WILL BE 160 TONS GROSS.

### New Boston Craft Will Have 300 Horse Power Gasoline Engine.

The new auxiliary fishing schooner for the Boston Shipping Company which Arthur D. Story is soon to commence to build at his Essex yard, as previously reported in the TIMES, will be one of the largest fishing vessels afloat. She will be 160 tons gross, 130 feet over all, 25 feet 1 inch beam and 12 feet depth of hold. She will be equipped with a 300 horse power Standard gasoline engine which is guaranteed to give her a speed of 12 knots an hour. She will engage in the haddock fishery on Georges and in the Channel under command of a well-known skipper.

## Dogfish Show Up.

The Halifax fishermen arriving at that port state that they spoke several of the bankers, who reported dogfish swarming on the fishing grounds.

April 1

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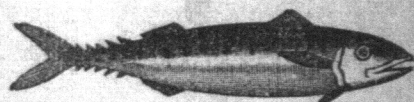
## MACKEREL

## SIGHTED.

### Gloucester Man Saw Schools Off Cape Hatteras.

## SCHOOLS MOVING THIS WAY.

### Several Seiners Reported Well to the Southward.



The gladsome and welcome news of mackerel being sighted off the coast of Cape Hatteras was received this noon.

Capt. Benjamin Swim, a former Gloucester fisherman, now in command of a yacht, while cruising from the southward on Sunday last, encountered large rafts of fish about 40 miles south of Cape Hatteras. Capt. Swim arrived at Newport yesterday, and told the welcome news to several of the skippers who are there.

The news of fish reported schooling at this time off Cape Hatteras in an accustomed locality by one who knows what mackerel are is most encouraging, and the news of a trip being landed soon would not be surprising.

Last year the first fish of the season were landed at Fortress Monroe, April 7, by Capt. Solomon Jacobs of sch. Victor, and on the next day sch. Saladin brought in a fare to New York. The first fare landed the preceding year was by sch. Marguerite Haskins on April 12.

Sch. George Parker, Capt. Rufus McKay, and sch. Saladin were at Newport yesterday.

A special despatch to the TIMES from its correspondent at Fortress Monroe, Va., this noon reports sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Capt. John S. Seavey, there today to dry her seines. Capt. Seavey reported speaking schs. Constellation and Bertha and Pearl, off Currituck sound. Capt. Morgan and Smith reported that they had seen no mackerel as yet. All were well.

Currituck sound is only a few miles to the northward of Cape Hatteras.

Several of the seiners are reported cruising well to the southward.)

## BIG GEORGES FARE.

### Sch. Hattie L. Trask Has Largest Trip of the Season.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Capt. Peter Dunskey, arrived from a Georges handline trip this morning with the largest fare of the season for that kind of a voyage, having 60,000 pounds of cod and 500 lbs. of halibut. Capt. Dunskey is one of our leading handline skippers.

## Fresh Bait Sold High.

Four barrels of fresh bait reached T wharf, Boston, yesterday and all the shore boat skippers were sparring for them. Capt. Frank Cooney of sch. Mary E. Cooney secured them for \$11 per barrel. Some bait clams brought \$10 per barrel and a single barrel of alwives sold at three cents for each fish.



## WEEKLY FISH MARKET.

The market presents no new features this week. Prices remain unchanged and all grades are firm. The most of the southern mackerel sailing fleet has sailed, and as extra fine weather has been reported to the southward for over a week, the possibility of an early arrival at Fortres Monroe or New York is considered good.

Most of the salt bank fleet has now got away and the information that Newfoundland has refused to grant the privilege of buying bait licenses to American vessels has not been received by the vessel owners here with the alarm which was confidently expected in the Island Colony. The owners, while admitting that the action may bother some of the vessels on the caplin baitings, do not anticipate that it will affect the season's catch of the salt bank fleet to any marked degree.

Trade on all grades of fish remains quiet and the smoked bloater season is about over.

The receipts at this port for the week ending April 1 are

157,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
2000 lbs. hake.  
197,000 lbs. haddock.  
9500 lbs. halibut.  
5000 lbs. cusk.  
77,000 lbs. salt cod.

### Salt Fish from Vessel.

	Board of Trade Prices	Outside Sales
Large Georges cod (handline)	5.00	5.00
Medium Georges cod (handline)	4.00	4.00
Large Georges cod (trawl)	4.25	4.25
Medium Georges cod (trawl)	3.25	3.25
Large handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable		
Medium do.		
Large trawl bank cod	4.00	4.00
Medium trawl bank cod	3.50	3.50
Large dory handline cod		
Medium do.		

### Fresh Fish from Vessel (To Split)

All large cod caught on La Have bank and to the westward	2.50	2.50
Medium do.	2.00	2.00
All large cod caught to the eastward of La Have Bank	2.25	2.25
Medium do.	1.75	1.75
Cusk	1.75	1.75
Eastern Haddock	1.25	1.25
Western Haddock	1.25	1.25
Eastern Hake	.90	.90
Western hake,	.90	.90
Pollock	.70	.70

### Other Prices from Vessel.

Hake sounds, 4 cts. per lb.  
Livers, soft 30 cts. per bucket; hard, 30 cts. per bucket.  
Fresh Bank halibut (white) 10 cts. per lb.  
Fresh Bank halibut (gray) 8 cts. per lb.  
Georges halibut, 10 cts. and 8 cts. per lb. for white and gray.

### Local Quotations of Cured Fish.

Cured Large Georges cod	\$7.50 to 8.00 per qtl.
Cured Medium Georges cod	6.50
Cured large Bank cod	6.50
Cured Medium Bank cod	6.00
Kench cured large Bank cod	7.00
Kench cured medium Bank cod	6.50
Cured large shore cod	7.00
Cured medium shore cod	6.00
Cured cusk	5.50
Cured hake	2.25
Cured haddock	4.00
Heavy salted pollock	2.75
English cured pollock	3.75
Large handline bank	7.00
Medium handline bank	6.00

### Mackerel.

Shore 1s	\$18	per bbl.
Shore extra 1s	20	per bbl.
Shore bloaters	30	per bbl.
Nova Scotias	13.50	per bbl.
Prince Edward Island	15	per bbl.
Norway bloaters	34	per bbl.
Norway 1s	30	per bbl.
Norway 2s	25	per bbl.
New Irish	14 to 15	per bbl.

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Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, 60,000 lbs cod, 500 lbs. halibut.

[Sch. Indiana, Brown's Bank, 65,000 lbs fresh fish.

Sch. Mildred V. Nuban, shore.

Sch. Mary Cabral, shore.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Valkyrie, salt banking.

Sch. S. F. Maker, south seining.

Sch. Niagara, Georges halibuting.

Sch. Aleina, haddocking.

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Sch. Helena, 1000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Phillip P. Manta, 4000 haddock, 3100 cod, 360 hake.

Sch. Stranger, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 6000 haddock, 3200 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 20,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Francis Silva, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Juniata, 4500 haddock, 500 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$3.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Maggie and May arrived at Halifax on Wednesday.

## NEED BAIT THEMSELVES.

### Says Gov. Macgregor in Opening Colonial Legislature.

### HENCE ACTION ON LICENSES.

### Says Newfoundland Fishermen Have Difficulty Getting Bait.

A Newfoundland colonial legislature opened yesterday afternoon, when Gov. MacGregor, in speech from the throne, congratulated the colony on the prosperous conditions of affairs the past year. Respecting the Bond-Hay treaty, the governor said that the convention negotiated in 1902 was still before the United States senate, and owing to serious

losses occasioned to colonial fishermen last season by the difficulty of obtaining a full supply of bait fish the government had found it imperative to consider whether the very valuable bait privileges conceded to American fishermen in colonial waters, in expectation of the ratification of that convention, could be continued without detriment to our fishery interests, and after careful inquiry and consideration it had been decided that under existing circumstances local interests would be best conserved by withholding those privileges.

## HAD LONG HARD WALK.

### Capt. Norman Ross Tramped 149 Miles Over Snow.

### FROM BAY OF ISLANDS, N. F.

### Fishermen Opposed to Action Refusing Bait Licenses.

Capt. Norman Ross, who has been at Bay of Islands all winter, looking after the interest of Mr. Orlando Merchant, one of whose fleet sch. Lewis H. Giles, has been in the ice there all winter, arrived home Saturday night, having been 25 days in reaching here, when under ordinary circumstances the trip can be made in three or four days.

As there was no train connection or any mode of conveyance out of Birchy Cove on account of the snow and ice, Capt. Ross, who was anxious to get home and fit away for the Banks, decided to walk to Port au Basques, 149 miles away. No roads had been broken out and over the drifts and ice formed by the great number of blizzards the trip was a hard one to undertake. It was the only way to come, however, and so on March 8, Capt. Ross hauled on his skin boots, tightened the thongs on his snow shoes, set his face to the southward and started out on his long hard journey.

He laid his plans carefully, so that each night would find him at some settlement or habitation where he might catch a little rest and then push on.

On the first day the skin boots blistered his feet so badly that walking was painful, so the next day when he started out on the second relay of his journey, he threw the boots away, and drawing on several pairs of heavy woolen socks, again put on his snowshoes and continued. This proved a little easier, but when he reached Port au Basques, his feet were in very bad shape.

The weather along the whole trip was cold and frosty and the walking over the immense

drifts was arduous and very tiresome. Capt. Ross stuck to it pluckily, however, and in spite of the bad condition of his feet, ploughed along toward the goal, which was Port au Basques. On the last day, when nearly to that place, he had a little respite, for he struck a team and got a ride to the town. From there he went to St. John's by a coast steamer and thence to Louisburg, C. B. on the Bruce and from there to this city by rail.

At Port au Basques he heard from some of the bank fleet and saw sch. Colonial at St. Lawrence, whose captain reported that the vessels on the Peak had done very little. He heard from sch. Maxine Elliott, which had been fishing off the southern coast of Newfoundland and had done very well.